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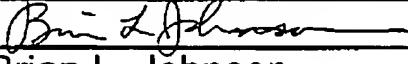
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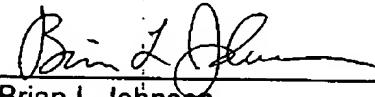
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For Patent Office's reference, applicants have enclosed a copy of the Examiner's Office Action dated February 23, 2005, the applicant's Response to the Office Action and Petition For Extension of Time.

If questions remain regarding this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (206) 628-7670.

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Status

1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 03 November 2003.
2a) This action is **FINAL**. 2b) This action is non-final.
3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4) Claim(s) 1-20 is/are pending in the application.
4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.

6) Claim(s) 1-20 is/are rejected.

7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.

8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.

Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).

11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) All b) Some * c) None of:
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* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

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2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
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Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 101

35 U.S.C. 101 reads as follows:

Whoever invents or discovers any new and useful process, machine, manufacture, or composition of matter, or any new and useful improvement thereof, may obtain a patent therefor, subject to the conditions and requirements of this title.

Claims 1-2, 14-16 & 18 of the claimed invention lack patentable utility.

Absent any payout based upon a wager, there is no transformation since applicant's invention is nothing more than abstract ideas.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 1-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Webb (719) in view of Lofink (024) and further in view of Marchesani (757).

Webb discloses a Method For Playing Blackjack With A Three Cards Poker Wager (21+3).

Regarding claim 1

Webb teaches a standard deck of cards, providing players the option to wager on Twenty-one and Poker and means for playing both games (see abstract, figure 1 & col. 3, lines 1-22). Webb fails to explicitly teach any type of modification to his deck. Lofink discloses a Blackjack Game With Modifiable Vigorish. His game teaches a standard deck with the option of adding card(s) and further teaches that his game may be modified to provide liberal rules (see abstract & claim 1). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify Webb to include the modifications taught by Lofink to add flexibility to game play.

Although Lofink teaches a modified deck, he fails to explicitly teach revaluation as part of his modification. Marchesani (757) discloses Low/Max Card Game Method And Apparatus. Marchesani teaches, in one embodiment, the revaluing of Kings, Queens and Jacks (see [0031]). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to modify the method Webb to include the revaluing of cards to add excitement to game play.

Regarding claim 2

As discussed above, one of ordinary skill in the art would revalue at any selected value.

Regarding claims 3, 10, 13, 15, 17 & 19-20

Webb teaches predetermined odds (see claim 15). The specifics of the predetermination would vary depending on the desired optimum value desired by each establishment. Such would involve routine skill in the art.

Regarding claim 4

By teaching a modified deck, Lofink teaches that his deck could include 53 cards. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify Webb to include the modifications taught by Lofink to add flexibility and excitement to game play.

Regarding claims 5-8, 11-12, 14, 16 & 18

Lofink discloses a Blackjack Game With Modifiable Vigorish. His game teaches a standard deck with the option of adding card(s) and further teaches that his game may be modified to provide liberal rules (see abstract & claim 1). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify Webb to include the modifications taught by Lofink to add flexibility and excitement to game play.

Further, regarding claims 5, examiner takes official notice that in the game of Twenty-One, players have, as a matter of choice, the option to split pairs and/or may insurance wagers or not. Regarding claim 6, Lofink in col. 4, (iii), teaches this feature. Regarding claims 7-9, examiner takes official notice that a dealer may select any value 17 or above and players may hit and receive a maximum of six cards depending on the value of the cards.

Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure and are cited to show the state of art with respect to features of the claimed invention.

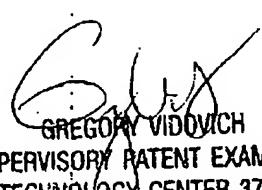
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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, ***Greg Vidovich*** can be reached on (571) 272-4415. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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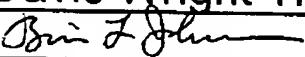
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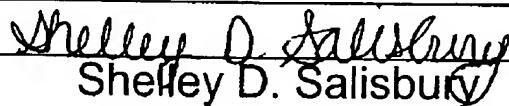
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AMENDMENT

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

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In response to the Office Action dated February 24, 2005, please extend the period of time for response five months to expire on August 24, 2005. Enclosed are a Petition for an Extension of Time and the required fee. Please amend the application as shown on the attached pages.

AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

1. **(Currently Amended)** A method of playing a card game comprising the steps of:
 - (a) providing a deck of playing cards comprising:
 - (i) a standard deck of playing cards wherein the Jacks, Queens, and Kings have been revalued; and
 - (ii) a wild card;
 - (b) providing a player with an option to wager on playing Twenty-One or Poker or both;
 - (c) means for said player to wager to play Twenty-One and Poker;
 - (d) dealing two cards from said deck to said player and dealing a card from said deck to a dealer; and
 - (e) means for said player to play the conventional game of Twenty-One and play the conventional game of Poker, with a modification that the total value of a Poker hand may not exceed 21.
 - (f) providing a value to said player if said player opted to wager on playing Twenty One and said player wins said conventional game of Twenty-One, or said player opted to wager on playing Poker and said player wins conventional game of Poker and the total value of said Poker hand does not exceed 21.
2. **(Original)** The method of claim 1 wherein said Jacks are revalued as 2, said Queens are revalued as 3, and said Kings are revalued as 4 and said wild card is a Joker.
3. **(Currently Amended)** The method of claim 2 wherein when providing a value to said player, said value is based on pre-determined odds in relation to said wager, further comprising the step of paying said player an amount based on pre-determined odds in relation to said wager if said player wins.
4. **(Original)** The method of claim 3 wherein said deck includes 53 cards.
5. **(Original)** The method of claim 4 wherein the conventional game of Twenty-One is modified such that said player may not make an insurance wager and may not split pairs.
6. **(Original)** The method of claim 5 wherein the conventional game of Twenty-One is modified such that said player may double down on any two to five cards.

7. **(Original)** The method of claim 6 wherein the conventional game of Twenty-One is modified such that said dealer must hit if the value of said dealer's hand is less than soft or hard 18.

8. **(Original)** The method of claim 7 wherein the conventional game of Twenty-One is modified such that said dealer must stand if the value of said dealer's hand is soft or hard 18 or greater.

9. **(Original)** The method of claim 8 wherein the conventional game of Twenty-One is modified such that said player may receive a maximum of six cards.

10. **(Original)** The method of claim 9 wherein said pre-determined odds for Twenty-One are as follows:

- (a) paying said player three-to-one odds if said player has a Blackjack, even if said dealer also has a Blackjack;
- (b) paying said player two-to-one odds if said player has a hand comprising five or six cards, excluding said Joker, having a total value of 21; and
- (c) paying said player one-to-one odds if said player has a hand having a higher value than said dealer.

11. **(Original)** The method of claim 10 wherein the conventional game of Poker is further modified such that said player may draw as many cards as said player requests.

12. **(Original)** The method of claim 11 wherein the conventional game of Poker is further modified such that said Joker is a wild card.

13. **(Original)** The method of claim 12 wherein said pre-determined odds for Poker are as follows:

Winning Poker Combination	Pre-determined Odds
Royal Flush plus Joker	1000-to-1
Five of a Kind (including Joker)	200 -to-1
Royal Flush	100-to-1

Straight Flush	50-to-1
Four of a Kind	20-to-1
Full House	11-to-1
Flush	9-to-1
Straight	6-to-1
Winning Poker Combination	Pre-determined Odds
Three of a Kind	4-to-1
Two Pair	3-to-1
A Pair of 9s or 10s	2-to-1
A Pair Aces to 8s or a pair of Jacks, Queens, or Kings	1-to-1

14. *(Original)* The method of claim 1 further comprising an option for said player to wager on playing a Bonus Game wherein the rules of said Bonus Game is substantially the same as the rules of Poker with the exception that said pre-determined odds for said Bonus game are higher than that of Poker.

15. *(Original)* The method of claim 14 wherein said pre-determined odds for said Bonus Game are as follows:

Winning Poker Combination	Pre-determined Odds
Royal Flush plus Joker	1,000,000-to-1
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16. *(Original)* The method of claim 15 further comprising an option to wager on playing said Bonus Game and Twenty-One.

17. *(Original)* The method of claim 16 wherein said player is paid a value based on said pre-determined odds in relation to said wager for said Bonus Game of claim 15 and a value based on said pre-determined odds in relation to said wager for Twenty-One of claim 10 if said player wins.

18. *(Original)* The method of claim 15 further comprising an option for said player to wager on playing said Bonus Game and Poker.

19. *(Original)* The method of claim 18 wherein said player is paid a value based on said pre-determined odds in relation to said wager for said Bonus Game of claim 15 and a value based on said pre-determined odds in relation to said wager for Poker of claim 13 if said player wins.

20. *(Original)* The method of claim 15 further comprising an option to wager on playing said Bonus Game, Poker, and Twenty-One wherein said player is paid a value based on said pre-determined odds in relation to said wager for said Bonus Game of claim 15, a value based on said pre-determined odds in relation to said wager for Poker of claim 13, and a value based on said pre-determined odds in relation to said wager for Twenty-One of claim 10 if said player wins.

REMARKS

Applicant has amended claims 1 and 3.

A limitation present in claim 1 but absent in the art cited by the Examiner (particularly Webb) is the feature that the Poker hand cannot exceed 21. This feature, in combination with the re-evaluation of the "face" cards results in both a concept familiar to players (the inability to exceed a hand with a value of 21 being common in blackjack) and unfamiliar (in that such a limitation is not found in Poker hand). Such a feature thus, while based on a familiar concept, is applied in an unfamiliar way, forcing the player to devise new strategies to succeed in the Poker game. This unfamiliar application makes the present invention novel and non-obvious in light of the cited art, which does not include or suggest such a feature.

Applicant believes the additional limitation in Claim 1 satisfies the Examiner's utility objection.

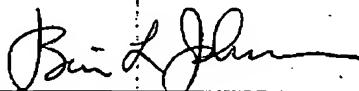
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